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Newton house, Fairlee, State Register status

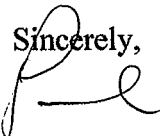
Dear Council:

On behalf of Don and Joyce Newton, I write to support the request of the Vermont Division to remove 1561 Route 5 South from the State Register. The Newtons were unaware that the house was on the register, and only discovered this when Act 250 requested an amended permit.

The Division met with Don and Joyce several weeks ago, and reviewed information that the house had undergone significant alterations in the 1940s, and that while some of the features added were Greek Revival in style, had been added to the Colonial style home at that time, the alteration presented false historic significance.

The Act 250 appeal, now pending before the Environmental Court, has turned on questions relating to a fanlight and siding. In discussions with the Division in settlement, the Newtons agreed that this building should not be on the register, given its eclectic nature, and support the Division's request for removal from the State Register.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Gillies

cc: Don and Joyce Newton